

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I ask for the indulgence of the President to give us a few minutes more. The major part of the time was taken up by the Member for Cranganur and the Member for Urakam, and during the question time a point of order was also raised.

President.—I am sorry I cannot give it to you. There are others also whose question have not been reached.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Not for me only. A little more time may be given. There are a number of other questions.

President.—There is a definite rule that one hour only should be allowed for questions.

Appointments in certain Departments.

210. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) has it come to the notice of the Government that recently the Travancore Government has passed orders that Ezhuvas, Christians and Muhammadans should be admitted for employment in certain departments which were hitherto exclusively set apart for caste-Hindus ;

(2) has the Government considered the possibility of taking a similar step in Cochin regarding the same question ;

(3) do the Government know that in respect of the question of caste, the conditions in Cochin and Travancore are alike ; if the answer is in the negative, will the Government kindly state what difference exists between the two States ;

(4) will the Government be pleased to state the names of the gentlemen who held the post of the Commandant of the Nayar Brigade during the last 20 years ; how many of them were Nayars, how many of them Christians or Muhammadans ?

Mr. T. S. Sessa Ayyar.—(1) No.

(2) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (1).

(3) The conditions are more or less alike.

(4) Mr. M. A. Chakko

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar

Mr. H. W. M. Brown

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon

Sheik Abdul Quadir Sahib Bahadur

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon

2 Nayars, 2 Christians, 1 Muhammadan and 1 Brahmin.

Maternity patients—General Hospital.

211. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give a caste-wise statement of the number of the

Maternity patients admitted in the General Hospital, Ernakulam in 1106 and 1107 separately.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

	1106.	1107 (3 months.)
Hindus	133	28
Christians	207	65
Jews	10	1
Muslims	6	1

Village Office—Arangottukara.

212. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government kindly answer the following:—

(1) in whose house is the Village Office in Arangottukara Village located now ;

(2) is the Village Parvathyakaran living in the same house with his family ;

(3) are certain classes of people prohibited from entering the office premises on account of their caste ;

(4) is there a well attached to this office ;

(5) are certain castes prohibited from touching the well in the Village Office premises ;

(6) how long was this Village office conducted in the present building ;

(7) when did the Diwan Peishkar last visit this office ;

(8) had he occasion to notice then that this office could not be approached by non-caste men ;

(9) are there similar rural Village offices in other parts of Cochin to which non-caste men are not given access; if so, what are they?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar—(1)
In the house of the Village Parvathyam.

(2) Yes.

(3) No.

(4) There are two wells in the compound.

(5) No.

(6) From 1084 ever since the introduction of the New Settlement.

(7) On 13th Thulam 1107.

(8) There is no such restriction.

(9) Those other Village offices are located in the residences of the Village officers, viz., (1) Chennamangalam, (2) Varavur and (3) Chowwannur. But all people are allowed access to Village records and Village officers for legitimate purposes. These offices will be housed in suitable Government or rented buildings in the year 1108, if funds permit.